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SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS NOVEMBER 18-19

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1. WELLENSTEIN HAS DECIDED TO "PLAY IT BY EAR" AS REGARDS
THE CHOICE BETWEEN CONTINUING THE POLITICAL
DISCUSSION ON NOVEMBER 18 OR ACCOMPANYING GUNDELACH ON
HIS CALL ON AMBASSADOR DENT.

2. THE EC COMMISSION'S "FINAL LIST" OF TRADE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) MULTILATERAL ISSUES: THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE
RANGE OF ISSUES GIVEN IN PARA 1 OF REF B AND ALSO OF THE US
PREFERENCE FOR HANDLING THE AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE AND GRAIN
RESERVES ISSUES IN THE SENIOR-LEVEL MEETING. IT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO ANY OF THIS. IT WOULD LIKE TO RAISE IN THE
WORKING GROUP THE SUBJECTS OF GATT PRESENTATION OF THE LOME
CONVENTION AND THE MAGNUSON BILL(ESTABLISHING A 200- MILE
ZONE AROUND THE US);

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B) BILATERAL ISSUES: THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN NOTE

OF THE SUBJECTS LISTED BY THE US IN PARA 3 OF
REF B AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL OF THESE ISSUES.
HOWEVER, WELLENSTEIN HAS STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT
EC/IRAN SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE TRADE WORKING
GROUP BUT IN THE RESTRICTED POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

THE COMMISSION FOR ITS PART WILL RUN THROUGH THE PROBLEMS IT
SEES IN POTENTIAL US TRADE ACTIONS TOUCHING ON PROBLEMS ARISING
FROM THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW; ANTI-DUMPING (HERE EMPHASIZING
AUTOS); ESCAPE CLAUSE CASES (HERE EMPHASIZING FOOTWEAR AND
SPECIALTY STEEL); AND SECTION 301 CASES (CITING THE EGG
ALBUMEN AND FRUITS AND VEGETABLE CASES). THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO WAN
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TO TALK ABOUT THE US FOOD AND MOUTH/RINDERPEST REGULATIONS AND
ALSO ABOUT WHAT THE US IS DOING ABOUT CHEESE FROM FINLAND AND
NORWAY. (IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 14,
GUNDELACH EMPHASIZED THIS LAST POINT AND NOTED THAT THE
NORWEGIAN AND FINNISH SHARES OF THE US IMPORT MARKET ARE RISING
WHILE THE COMMUNITY SHARE IS FALLING.)
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